

Grace Episcopal Church

Daily Bible Reading – Read the Bible in One Year

Reflection Class: **Sunday, August 17, 2014;** 9:10 am – 9:40 am, Grace Parish Hall

Thoughts, Reflections, Insights, Questions of readings to date: Day 222 – Day 228

Prayer – Lord, cause us to hear the voices of old, the calls to repentance, the calls to righteousness, the calls for relationship with you, and the calls to forgiveness and restoration. Do all these things in us so that we may see your dreams and visions for us and your people. In our brother's Jesus name. Amen

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Readings :

- 10 August 2014 | Day 222 | Daniel 7:1 – 12:13
- 11 August 2014 | Day 223 | **Hosea** 1:1 – 5:15
- 12 August 2014 | Day 224 | Hosea 6:1 – 10:15
- 13 August 2014 | Day 225 | Hosea 11:1 – 14:9
- 14 August 2014 | Day 226 | **Joel** 1:1 – 3:21
- 15 August 2014 | Day 227 | **Amos** 1:1 – 4:13
- 16 August 2014 | Day 228 | Amos 5:1 – 9:15

Stream or Thoughts on the text:

Day 222: visions of Daniel, international affairs, court, prayer, Gabriel responds, succession of rulers, battles, attack against Jews, end time, Michael's victory.

Day 223: Gomer, arranged marriages, family as message, Israel is children of whoredom, worthless

Day 224: The sin of Israel is idolatry with social injustice playing a secondary role vis Amos. In this later section Amos' indictment there is no faithfulness or loyalty and no knowledge of God. Keep the Covenant means to worship the Lord and live out the faith.

Day 225: Israel is God's wayward child, foreign alliances bad, rebellion and restoration, divine lawsuit, final plea for repentance and forgiveness, for the ways of the Lord are right and the upright walk in them. (v 14:9b)

Day 226: "I will pour out my spirit on all flesh; your sons and daughter shall prophesy, your old shall dream dreams, and your young shall see visions. Even on the male and female slaves, in those days, I will pour out my spirit."

Day 227: Judgment on Israel's neighbors, Judah, Israel, Israel's guilt and punishment, Israel rejects correction.

Day 228: Repentance condemns the corrupt legal system, woes, God delights not in festivals and sacrifice but justice and righteousness, indictment of corruption, judgment, series of five visions, Israel has no claim of special treatment, then an oracle of restoration.

Prayer

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Thoughts from others:

Text: The NRSV Daily Bible, HarperCollins Publishers, © 2012, ISBN 9780062008466 or Bible of your choice. Notebook, Journal, Blog, or Notes in Bible.

Dave's notes, reflection, background, etc. at blog site <http://gracefullbible.com>